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SUBJECT: PANAMA CANAL TREATIES: UNDERSTANDINGS ON  
CEMETERIES

FOR DELIVERY OPENING OF BUSINESS MARCH 11

FOR AMBASSADOR FROM HANSELL

SENATOR CRANSTON, DESPITE ALL OUR COMMENTS AND WARNINGS  
CONCERNING NEGATIVE EFFECTS OF PROPOSED ACTION IN PANAMA,  
INTENDS TO INTRODUCE FOLLOWING UNDERSTANDINGS TO PREEMPT  
PROPOSED AMENDMENTS (TEXTS NOT AVAILABLE) BY SENATOR  
THURMOND.

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QUOTE: UNDERSTANDING. BEFORE THE PERIOD .... FOLLOWING:  
SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING UNDERSTANDING:  
THAT UPON RATIFICATION OF THIS TREATY THE TWO PARTIES  
SHALL ENTER INTO GOOD FAITH NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE  
EXECUTION OF AN EXECUTIVE AGREEMENT IN WHICH THE AMERICAN  
BATTLE MONUMENTS COMMISSION WOULD THEREAFTER ADMINISTER  
THAT PART OF THE CEMETERY AT COROZAL, CANAL ZONE, WHICH

ENCOMPASSES THE REMAINS OF US CITIZENS IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
PRACTICES, IMMUNITIES, RIGHTS AND BENEFITS ASSOCIATED WITH

THE ADMINISTRATION OF OVERSEAS CEMETERIES BY THE ABMC.  
END QUOTE

BEGIN QUOTE: UNDERSTANDING. BEFORE THE PERIOD ....  
FOLLOWING:

SUBJECT TO THE UNDERSTANDING THAT, AS PROVIDED FOR IN  
ARTICLE VII, SECTION 3 OF THE PANAMA CANAL TREATY, THE  
FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES WOULD, UPON RATIFICATION OF  
SUCH TREATY, BE FLOWN OVER THAT PART OF THE CEMETERY AT  
COROZAL, CANAL ZONE, WHICH ENCOMPASSES THE REMAINS OF  
US CITIZENS. END QUOTE.

SENATOR CRANSTON BELIEVES THAT BOTH, REPEAT BOTH, UNDER-  
STANDINGS ARE NECESSARY TO PREEMPT THURMOND AMENDMENTS  
AND INTENDS TO SOLICIT SELECTED SENATORS MONDAY MORNING  
TO SUPPORT THIS EFFORT.

REQUEST YOUR IMMEDIATE COMMENT INCLUDING FEASIBILITY OF  
GOING TO PANAMANIAN TO REQUEST THEIR PRIOR CONCURRENCE.  
WE JUDGE THAT TWO SUBJECTS OF PERPETUAL CEMETERY CARE  
AND THE FLYING OF US FLAG OVER AMERICAN SECTOR OF COROZAL  
MUST BE ADDRESSED. HOWEVER, WE MAY HAVE SOME INFLUENCE  
ON PRECISE LANGUAGE. YOU WILL NOTE THAT CRANSTON'S  
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UNDERSTANDING ON FLAGS TAKES ADVANTAGE OF EXISTING TREATY  
LANGUAGE (ART VII, SEC 3) WHICH PROVIDES FOR DISPLAY  
"AT OTHER PLACES . . . AS AGREED BY BOTH PARTIES". VANCE

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